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1. CHARGE SAW MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL SCHIFF MORNING AUG 6 AND TOLD HIM WE HAD INSTRUCTIONS INDICATING SECRETARY'S CONTINUED PREFERENCE FOR PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE HAGUE AT BINNENHOF AND TO HAVE IT TAKE PLACE AT 2:45 P.M. FOLLOWING LUNCHEON. CHARGE RE-EMPHASIZED THAT THIS WOULD BE JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL, NOTING THAT IT WOULD TAKE PLACE ABOUT TWO-THIRDS THROUGH VISIT AND IN DUTCH SETTING.

2. SCHIFF REFERRED IN SLIGHTLY PUZZLED WAY TO TELEPHONE CONVERSATION HE SAID TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY BETWEEN DEPARTMENT AND DUTCH CHARGE TYDEMANS, WHO HAD GAINED IMPRESSION DEPARTMENT WAS PREPARED TO HAVE PRESS CONFERENCE AT 3:45 P.M. AT BINNENHOF. CHARGE RESPONDED BY DRAWING ON REFTEL, POINTING OUT CLEAR PREFERENCE FOR OUR ORIGINAL SCHEDULE, ADDING THAT IF DUTCH ARE ADAMANT WE COULD AGREE TO ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULE (REFTEL), ALONG LINES GIVEN TO TYDEMANS BUT ALSO OBSERVING THIS WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE TIME FOR SUBSTANTIVE CONVERSATIONS.

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3. AT THAT POINT SCHIFF WENT OVER BACKGROUND OF DUTCH VIEWS, EXPLAINING MFA OFFICIALS WERE CONCERNED THAT HAVING PRESS CONFERENCE PRECEDE AFTERNOON DISCUSSIONS WOULD LEAD DUTCH PRESS TO BELITTLE VAN DER STOEL'S ROLE AND TO DOWNPLAY US-DUTCH CONVERSATIONS ON ASSUMPTION EARLIER PRESS CONFERENCE WOULD BE LIKELY TO FOCUS ON SECRETARY'S PREVIOUS STOPS. IMPLICATION OF HIS REMARKS WAS THAT MFA WAS CONCERNED TO PROTECT TO THE TEXTENT POSSIBLE POLITICAL IMAGE OF THEIR OWN MINISTER. SCHIFF WENT ON TO SAY THAT THEY WOULD TAKE UP MATTER WITH VAN DER STOEL, WHO HAS SO FAR NOT BEEN INVOLVED, BEING INCOMMUNICADO ON YUGOSLAV HOLIDAY. AS OF TODAY HE CAN ONCE AGAIN BE REACHED IN ATHENS BY HIS OWN MINISTRY. SCHIFF WILL BE BACK IN TOUCH ONCE THEY HAVE DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH VAN DER STOEL AND OBTAINED HIS VIEWS.

4. CHARGE TOOK OCCASION TO COMPLIMENT DUTCH ON SECURITY AND OTHER PREPARATIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY. SCHIFF AGAIN ASKED WHO WOULD BE INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS ON US SIDE AND HOPED SOON TO HAVE INDICATION ABOUT MRS. KISSINGER'S PREFERENCES TO ENABLE MFA TO PUT THEIR PLANNING INTO FINAL FORM.
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